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The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to inform him of the following facts:

In the late hours of the night of Tuesday, 12 June, and during the dawn and daytime of Wednesday, 13 June, we were visited by police patrol cars and security authorities of the Government of the United States who warned us of possible attacks on the private residence of the Permanent Representative and on the offices of the Mission by elements hostile to the Revolutionary Government of Cuba.

It was suggested to us, as a measure of protection, that we should accept the company of a detective and the presence of security authorities in the house of the Permanent Representative and at the offices of the Mission.

We expressed our gratitude for this offer and at the same time declined it as being too limitative. We were also offered and we accepted measures of security from the street to the entrance of the buildings occupied by the residence of our Permanent Representative and the offices of the Mission.

On 4 April 1962, a similar warning was given by the United States police authorities to the manager of Prensa Latina in this city. A bare 23 days later, on 27 April 1962, there occurred an uncivil¹ attack on this news agency in the very heart of New York, as a result of which workers were hurt and material damage was done, and up to now those responsible for this act of banditry have not been discovered.

The Cuban Mission to the United Nations draws the attention of the Secretary-General to the serious consequences which an attack of this kind might have, and expresses its conviction that such events could not occur without the tacit permission of the authorities of the host country.

The Revolutionary Government of Cuba is a peace-loving Government which observes the principles of the Charter. The Secretary-General and accredited representatives at the United Nations are well aware that the officials of our Mission have followed this policy of their Government in their relations within the international Organization.

We are reporting these acts of provocation in the certainty that the Secretary-General's acquaintance with them will help prevent the occurrence of the incidents about which we have been warned.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations takes this opportunity to express, etc.

New York

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